Implementation of Numaligarh-Bongaigaon Product Pipeline

2392. DR. (SMT.) JOYASREE GOSWAMI MAHANTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whehter the implementation of Numaligarh-Bongaigaon product pipeline is in progress, if so, what is its status;

(b) if not, what are the constraints; and

(c) whether Government have any plan to expand the capacity of the existing Guwahati-Siliguri product pipeline linking the other producers of the State to dispose of the finished products outside the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Railways have procured tank wagons and put up other infrastructure like railway line, siding etc., in Numaligarh which is considered adequate to evacuate Numaligarh Refinery Products.

(c) No, Sir.

Demand and Supply of LPG Connection in NER

2393. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of demand and supply of LPG connections in NER as on 31st January, 2000 district-wise/State-wise;

(b) the steps being taken by Government to increase the supply of LPG connections to the people of NER;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) As on 1-1-2000 there were 13.61 lakh LPG costomers registered with the distributors of the Public Sector Oil Companies in the North Eastern Region of the country. Their demand for LPG is by and large, being met in full.

(b) to (d) New LPG connections are released in a Phased manner throughout the coutnry depending on the LPG availability, waiting list, slack available with the distributors and their viability. However, the Government has a plan